ODD LANGUAGE LINE IN NORTHERN ITALY

Divides Italians From Those Speaking German.

Washington.—The reported deportation of a German lawyer from Salorno in the German-speaking portion of northern Italy because it is alleged that he gave lessons in the German language, brings Italy's war-won territory once more into public notice.

"Salorno," says a bulletin from the Washington (D. C.) headquarters of the National Geographic society, "lies close to the 'language line' which crosses the Adige valley about 15 miles north of Trento. This line divides the Italian-speaking inhabitants of Trentino, the southern portion of Italy's new territory, from the German-speaking Tyrolese to the north. This former Tyrolean region is now called 'Alto Adige,' or Upper Adige, by the Italians. This line near Salorno is one of the unique languages lines of Europe, since it is apart from national boundaries; yet there is such a plain demarkation that evidences of the 'cultural boundary' can be seen from the windows of a railway train.

Sharp Ling Line.

"As the traveler rides north from thoroughly Italian old Trento, scene of the historic council of Trent, he finds Italian architecture on every side. In the villages stucco walls, gaudy sloping red tile roofs, and the campaniles of the parish churches proclaim this to be a land of Italians. But soon he notes a change. More and more dark shingle roofs appear and take on a steeper pitch. A little farther along some of the roofs are broken by dormer windows, and then near Salorno he sees on a village church the first sharp Gothic spire, it serves almost as an exclamation point to mark the language line.

"From this point northward the population is predominantly Tyrolese, of German blood and German speech. Fifteen miles beyond Salorno the traveler enters Bolzano, metropolis of Alto Adige, and finds himself to all outward appearances in a German world. The population is predominantly German speaking, and German, in spite of laws to discourage it, is the language of the streets, the shops, the hotels and restaurants. One sees only a sprinkling of Italian soldiers and officials on ordinary days. On Sundays and other holidays excursions bring trainloads of uniformed Fascisti up from the Italian plains country to the south.

Diverse Cultures Cause Problems

"The northern portion of the Adige valley, though a Roman province in the early centuries of the Christian era, has been governed by people of German ancestry since the days of the barbarian incursions which finally broke up the Roman empire. The valley, however, lies south of the crest of the Alps, and following the World war was made a part of Italy in order that that country might have a logical geographic boundary capable of easy defense. With the country some 200,000 German speaking people went under Italian sovereignty, a fact which has created a stubborn governmental problem for Italy and many other problems for the population itself. Although the life of the people continues, to all appearances, much as when Alto Adige was a part of the Austrian province of Tyrol, many changes have been brought about by the Italian government.

"It has been decided that in every way possible the use of the Italian language shall be extended. The children of Alto Adige must now carry on their studies entirely in Italian and though the parents may teach them German in their homes, the teaching of that language in private classes is prohibited. It was because of this regulation, apparently, that the recently reported deportation took place."

Begins World Tour With Farthing's Worth of Rice

Bombay, India.—Za Naqui, Indian artist, is starting on a world tour equipped with a farthing's worth of rice. He is a marvelous artist with rice, being able to write 400 letters on a single grain in one day, working four hours.

He writes with a fine Indian pen and ink, doing the first 100 letters with the naked eye, and afterward using a magnifying glass. Demonstrating his ability to a Bombay editor, he wrote a long verse on a single grain of rice.

Za Naqui proposes to pay the expenses of his world tour selling these grains of rice.

Cost of U. S. Government 120 Billion Since 1791

Washington.—Running the United States government since 1791 has cost approximately $120,000,000,000, according to statistics made public by the Treasury department.

More than half of this vast sum was spent during and after the World war. From 1917 to the end of 1926 the actual government expenses were $62,000,000,000.

President Coolidge has asked congress to appropriate $4,000,000,000 to operate the nation during the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1927, thus increasing the total amount to nearly $125,000,000,000.

Collie Routs Bull

Albert Lea, Minn.—A Scotch collie drove off a bull which had attacked the dog's master, Charles Keuthe, farmer and cattle breeder of Pickerel Lake township near here. Keuthe was probably fatally injured, however.

SENATORS LIKE THEIR BEAN SOUP

Favorite Dish at the Capitol Restaurant.

Washington. — Senators have as many, if not more, differences in their Capitol restaurant as they do in committees or in debate on the floor of their chamber. Home influences appear to follow them wherever they go. New Englander, Westerner, Southerner, each spurns the dishes most relished by the others.

The job of striking a balance among these conflicting appetites falls to the lot of Joseph I. Langer, manager of the six senate restaurants, who finds it harder to meet the requirements of the 96 members than to cater to the multitudes of visitors that pass through the restaurants daily.

Those multitudes are a widely fluctuating quantity. One day he is called on to serve only a few hundred patrons, while the next day he may have to feed two or three thousand. He solves the problem thus presented by closely studying the pews of the senate's proceedings. If a popular subject is up for discussion, he knows that a large crowd will visit the galleries and will require his ministrations.

It's possible for him to take reasonable chances in trying to satisfy the public patrons, but that is not the case with the senators. They are, so to speak, "the boss," and during his years of experience he has made it his business to know their preferences.

One thing he has learned is to keep on tap a liberal supply of old-fashioned bean soup. That dish appears to be nonpartisan, having the support of senators from all sections. One day, some years ago, he removed it from the menu. The senate of the United States immediately took informal but vigorous action, and bean soup was restored to the menu, permanently. At present 20 gallons are made and consumed every day.

Steam Shovel at Harvard Makes Seismograph Move

Boston.—Harvard's seismograph, the sensitive instrument which records on an average one earthquake a week, has been in a state of unrest for several weeks. Instead of recording a fine line, the needle has been tracing a heavy, jerky line.

This daily and almost continuous "earthquake" was a great mystery for a time until Dr. Kirtley F. Mather discovered that it was caused by a steam shovel excavating the foundations for the new Harvard chemistry building, near by. Every time it hits a rock or the root of a tree the seismograph records a violent "earthquake".

Incidentally, the operators of the shovel would be surprised to find how close a check Doctor Mather can keep on their work. He can look at the day's record and tell, to a second, the time that the men started work in the morning, how long they took for their luncheon, and what time they quit at night.

Five-Month-Old Baby "Sworn" for Passport

Hartford, Conn.—Baby John Brown Wishert Rodger, five months old, is a claimant for the title of the youngest American to make oath to the statements in a passport request and have a passport issued in his own name.

At the age of four months John Brown swore to the truth of certain facts in a language his father was able to translate, and affixed his mark. It was accepted in Washington and a passport issued.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rodger, the baby's parents, are from Scotland. Baby John will be an American citizen automatically when he is twenty-one, but when his father and mother prepared to sail for a visit to their old home they found that he and his three-year- old sister, Margaret, would have to have passports.

Kills Self Over Cards

Detroit, Mich.—Resenting a rebuke for inattention at a card game, Charles Bolay, fifty-two years old, of this city, shot and killed his wife and himself.

Suicide Shock Kills

Atlanta, Ga.—Ten hours after Simon I. Well, fifty-five years old, of this city, shot and killed himself his wife died of shock over news of his suicide.

Tough on Cats

Cove, Ore.—City Marshal Haag of this city has authorized the shooting of all stray cats as it is believed they spread scarlettina.

MAINTAIN LARGE SNAKE VILLAGE

Venom Extracted for Serum to Cure Bites.

Boston, Mass.—Harvard university, the United States and the United Fruit company are co-operating through the Antivenin Institute of America to maintain "the largest and most modern snake village in the world" in a war against snake poisoning.

The village, which has a capacity of 5,000 scaly inhabitants, is at Tela, Honduras. Dr. Afranio do Amaral of Brazil is director. He recently made a flying trip from Central America to lecture before the Harvard school of public health.

The village is a concrete-walled inclosure, roofed with palm leaves, and containing 16 houses divided into three apartments each with two shallow drinking basins.

There the venom is extracted from the captives and shipped to Clenoldes, Pa., where horses are gradually inoculated with it. Their immunized blood makes a serum which is used to protect human life from the venom of snake bites.

The yellow chin, or fer-de-lance, is the most common of the dangerous snakes of that section. There is also the eyelash snake, or horned viper; the cascabela rattler, and the coral snake.

The institute also has a station at San Antonio, Texas, which is visited by the army, and this station captured 4,000 rattlesnakes in a four-month period last fall. Seventy-five following were reported to the station in a three-month period, and twenty-six of those bitten were given the serum. None of these died, but 85 per cent of those not treated died.

The principles of antivenin treatment were developed by the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil. There the antivenin is distributed to the farmers, but Doctor Amaral believes the best means of distribution here is through the drug stores. In Brazil hunters or cattle riders in snake-infested territory may obtain small syringes containing the serum.

Kills Himself When Told by Son to Drop German

Los Angeles, Calif.—Herman F. Bestmann, Sr., seventy-six years old, once a wealthy tavernkeeper in Germany, who came here to live with his son after the vicissitudes of the World war had wiped out his fortune, chose death by his own hand because he could not fit into his new surroundings. His lifeless body was found late in the day, suspended by a piece of hemp fastened over a door in his room.

"What you told me drives me to my death. You are my murderer," read a note addressed to his son.

The son, Herman F. Bestmann, Jr., a contractor, told police that he had objected to the use of German in his home. When the father came here, he brought along his young wife. She was his fourth.

"In my father's presence I ordered my stepmother not to bring German friends into the house, and further admonished her that English should be spoken, as my wife does not understand German," the son explained.

Armless Sydney Girl Is Clever With Her Toes

Sydney.—A fifteen-year-old Sydney girl is a wonderful example of the triumph of human perseverance and will power over physical misfortune. Crippled from birth and robbed of the use of both hands and arms, she has learned to write more legibly than the average person and perform other things with her toes.

For writing, the girl holds the pen or pencil between the first two toes of her right foot and steadies the pad with her left. Her "hand" is neater and more easily read than over 80 per cent of hundreds of normal writers taken at random from schools and offices.

In addition, the girl paints, stencils, knits and does all kinds of sewing with her feet. She can thread a needle with them.

Here's Real News

New York.—Leslie Ricoli, fifty-two years old, was arraigned on complaint of a S. P. C. A. agent charged with biting a bulldog. His defense was that he "bit the ears to make them prettier."

Champion Deserter

Boston.—Army officials designate Leslie Sanders the champion deserter of history. They allege he enlisted forty-eight times in two years and went A. W. O. L. after each signing.

Puts Geese to Work "Hoeing" His Cotton

Albemarle, N. C.—Rural labor shortage holds no horror for Farmer W. S. Kinrey. He puts his geese to work.

Last fall he harvested nine 500-pound bales of cotton from ten acres, "hoed" by three geese and nineteen goslings. Up until then his neighbors laughed at him, but now they are seeking his system.

Farmer Kinrey waits until the cotton plants are big enough to be too tough to tempt the appetites of geese, then he turns his "hoers" into the field to feast on grass and weeds.

Thatched Roofs May Disappear in Scotland

Edinburgh.—Thousands of the thatched roofed cottages of the Scotland will become but a memory under a burgh bill which, the government plans to introduce next session in the British parliament.

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Sunday School Lesson

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Lesson for March 27

STUDIES IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

GOLDEN TEXT—If ye love Me keep My commandments.—John 14:15.

DEVOTIONAL TOPIC—What Jesus Is To Me.

TOPIC—The Christian Way

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jesus Means to Be a Christian: YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Marks of a True Christian.

In the following methods of review are suggested:

Descriptive Essay Method.

Each member of the class should be assigned to the task a week ahead of the preparation of an essay on the lesson studied in the quarterly lessons. For example: What constitutes true Christian. The following are the prayer life of a Christian and his Bible. The life of a Christian. Christian leadership. The Christian and his monetary obligation.

The Question Review Method.

The teacher will prepare a list of questions dealing with the various topics of the quarter's lessons. These may be written on slips of paper and distributed to members of the class, who will draw them. Here are examples of questions now and then serving: What does following Christ involve? What is the Christian's responsibility as to his Bible? What is the Christian's obligation as to church? What are the duties and privileges of members of the home? What is the Christian's obligation as to the evangelization of the world? What is the Christian's hope? Is Christ coming again? Will there be a resurrection of the body?

The Summary Method.

The teacher can always be used to good advantage with the advanced. The outstanding fact or facts may be grasped and the principal teaching of the quarter's lessons may be summarized. Suggestions:

Lesson for January 2.

The first call of God to be His disciple. He then calls them to have fellowship in His service. Those who do this two-fold call will walk as He did.

Lesson for January 9.

Those who really follows Christ will be hated and opposed. Having fellowship with Christ, he will love his enemies, do good to those who hate him, bless them that curse him, pray for those which despitefully use him.

Lesson for January 16.

The Bible furnishes the Christian with full knowledge of God and man's relation to Him. The only way to be able to stand firm and true in the midst of perilous times is to be thoroughly grounded in the knowledge of the Scriptures.

Lesson for January 23.

Christ, though divine, resorted much to prayer. It is needed this fellowship—how much more do His followers need it.

Lesson for January 30.

The followers of Jesus may expect persecutions, but divine help is available for every need.

Lesson for February 6.

Not every believer has been given gifts of talents such as gifts for serving, knowledge, time, money, to be used for the honor of His Lord. A day of reckoning is coming, at which time all will be given for fidelity, and those who have neglected or buried their talent will meet out for unfidelity.

Lesson for February 13.

The home is the oldest and most important institution in the world. Most effective way of making it right and pure the church, society and the nation is to make the home right.

Lesson for February 20.

The subject of the kingdom is unpopular, solemn obligation to permeate society and let his light shine so that the heavenly father may be glorified.

Lesson for February 27.

Every believer has two natures—the flesh and the spirit. The only way to overcome the flesh is to be filled with the Spirit.

Lesson for March 6.

The Lord permitted persecution to come upon the church to cause the disciples to be scattered in order for the preaching of the testimony.

Lesson for March 13.

Christ has imposed upon every disciple the obligation of witnessing for Him to all the nations of the world.

Lesson for March 20.

Since Christian's hope is the personal return of Jesus Christ to take him to the heavenly home. When Christ comes, the body of the believer who has fallen asleep will be resurrected and living believers will be caught up to meet the glory with Christ.

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STONEWALL

Rev. A. I. Caudle, wife and baby, left Monday a. m. for several days visit with relatives in N. C.

Misses LeGrands, Frances Stratton, Mr. and Mrs. Van Drinkard, and Van, Jr., of Lynchburg. were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Stratton.

Mrs. J. W. Neighbors has concluded a visit of several weeks in Lynchburg with her son, J. W. Neighbors, Jr., and Mrs. Neighbors.

Mrs. Irene Whitten Price, Mrs. Ruth Whitten Polland and children, of High Point, N. C., Forrest Whitten, of Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel, of Philadelphia, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Whitten. They were called home on account of the death of their sister, Florence.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunkley Gunter, and son, Bobbie, came home Monday from Lynchburg, where Mr. Gunter had flu. He is improving.

VERA

Mrs. Laura Abbitt, and Mr. H. P. Ray, of Keysville, were married at the parsonage by Rev. S. B. Tucker Saturday afternoon.

Mr. T. F. Coleman, attended the burial of his brother, George, in Lynchburg, Monday.

Messrs. George and Watkins Abbitt, of Richmond, spent the week-end with home-folk.

Misses Elizabeth and Ethel Coleman, spent Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. North Robertson, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon Coleman.

Rev. J. H. Gordon, of Red House gave us quite a treat Sunday by preaching for us, there was a good attendance and a splendid sermon, he was accompanied by his wife, and Miss Giles.

Messrs. Tutor Carter and Callie Ragland, of Lynchburg, spent Saturday with Mr. T. R. Carter.

Veteran Tom Harvey celebrated his 91st birthday the 18th of March

FOREST VIEW

We are having real summer weather, people are gardening preparing for their crops, flowers blooming, fruit trees in full bloom. It is to be hoped we will not have a killing frost and kill all the fruit. Our roads are getting better except our by-roads which have been cut up terrible and the ruts are very deep, but we keep traveling any way.

Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Golladay, of Buffalo Station, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Overton, and children, of Brookneal, were visitors in the home of their father, N. D. Marshall, on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Golladay left on Monday and went to Lynchburg where they remained until Tuesday morning and returned to their home.

Messrs. Douglas, Rexford and Curtis Martin, all of Richmond, spent last mid-week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Martin, returning home Thursday p. m.

Miss Maggie Nash spent Friday night in the home of her grandfather, T. J. Nash recently and attended the party at the home of N. L. Cheatham. She was accompanied home Saturday by Misses Cassie Nash and Erma Wooldrige.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Jones visited the latter's home people last Sunday.

Mr. R. W. Martin who has been very much indisposed is much better at this writing.

Mr. G. W. Wooldrige, of Bedford City, spent last week-end with his brother, A. S. Wooldrige. He was accompanied by his daughter, Mary, and his son, Malcomb and wife and child. G. W., A. S. and Malcomb Wooldrige spent a short while in the home of J. A. Martin Sunday morning. They were accompained back to the home of A. S. Wooldrige by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin where they all spent a very pleasant day.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jordan spent last Sunday in the home of T. H. Ford.

Oakville

Good English Week was observed at Oakville from 14th to 18th, for the purpose of increasing interest in all forms of language; and closer watch upon their own and their classmates grammer. Practice was given in narration, exposition, description, oral speech and reading. Friday, Mr. Ain't was buried. Reverend I seen officiated, the pallbearers were the slang brothers. Mr. Ain't leaves to mourn Mrs. Ain't, his three children, Taint, she taken, and ain't going to, also three hundred grand-children and five hundred great grand-children.

The school grounds were cleaned on Arbor Day, March 11th.

The Jefferson Literary will hold its regular meeting, Friday, March 25th.

Miss Moss spent the week-end in Lynchburg.

Misses Kennard, Davidson, and Brandon spent the week-end in their homes.

Oakville talent is giving a minstrel in the near future. Watch the Times for the date.

ROCKS NEWS

Mrs. Clifton Paulett, of near Evergreen, Mr. and Mrs J. K. Paulett, of Lynchburg, were Saturday night visitors of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Inge.

Mr. Hermon Marsh, of Lynchburg, is spending some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Mr. Hubert Martin, of Lynchburg, was week-end visitor in this neighborhood.

Mrs. Clarence Evans is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ranson until she gets over pneumonia

Mr. and Mrs. Dowdy Almond, and son, Billy, and Mrs Flossie Stinson, and two daughters, Florence and Dorothy Mae, of Lynchburg, were week end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Almond. Robert Almond was also a visitor there Sunday.

We are sorry to say Mr. Robt. Cawthorn is no better.

Mrs. Sarah Baldwin who was seriously ill here last week was carried to Cullen the latter part of the week to her nephews home. Mr. Joel Dickerson, for attention. Her neighborhood friends had been waiting on her before she left.

Rev. E. F. Burnett, preached a fine sermon at Rocks Sunday a. m. Also Saturday p. m. Everybody come next 3rd Sunday. Rev. Thomas is expected to be there.

Filmy Black Lace for the Dinner Gown

Lace, lace, lace! Lace is the favorite spring song of fashion. A frock of filmy black lace is inevitable for the woman of up-to-dateness. Fashion prescribes long sleeves of lace, also that the dress be posed over a flesh-colored satin slip. Spring pastel chiffons and georgettes are trimmed with beige lace.

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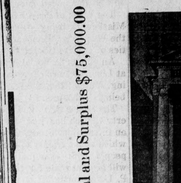

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